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Dear Mr. Rosenfeld,

Thanks for your kind note of the 30th.

Attention to the new Nixon interviews to be aired beginning tonight reminds me of the texts I've followed in my own work, The Purloined Letter, Through the Looking Glass and Orwell, and this suggests that you might be interested in an overlooked probability regarding those erased 18 1/2 minutes of tape.

Like Poe's letter, I find it right in the middle of the table.

At my age (71 today) and with my impaired health I do not want you to trust my recollection without checking it if this interest you, but I think I am correct in recalling that when Nixon and Haldeman returned from Florida 6/19/72 Haldeman had the enclosed memo from Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray. It establishes a White House connection with the breakin through Hunt's reported White House connection. It thus, I believe, has to have been the subject of the Nixon-Haldeman conference the tape of which Nixon had every motive for erasing or having erased.

These pages are from the Gray confirmation hearings. There is an apparent printing error that runs two records together. Where I've placed an arrow in the margin on p. 48 is where the Gray memo of the 19th ends. I added the other marks for my own information when I read this volume more than a decade ago.

There is Hunt information that has not yet been published, if it now interest the Post. It also involves the Mullen agency and can involve the Mexican laundry.

Helms perjured himself about Hunt and Mullen. Hunt was with Mullen when he was a CIA employee and when it was involved in some strange things. My interest in it began years before Watergate because it shared addresses with someone later involved in the JFK assassination investigation, a CIA person.

P.S. In connection with the dependability of the CIA's word and its searches and compliances in FOIA and its claims now made to be exempt from FOIA, please note at the bottom of page 47 that it led the FBI to believe that it did not know Gonzalez and Martinez!

Sincerely,

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